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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition, filed November 14, 2006, which is being treated as a request under 37 CFR 3.81(b)¹ to correct the assignee's name on the Fee(s) Transmittal form PTOL-85(b) so that the Letters Patent will issue to the assignee.

The request is DISMISSED.

Petitioner requests issuance of a certificate of correction in the name of "Melia Technologies, Ltd."

37 CFR 3.81(b), effective June 25, 2004, reads:

After payment of the issue fee: Any request for issuance of an application in the name of the assignee submitted after the date of payment of the issue fee, and any request for a patent to be corrected to state the name of the assignee, must state that the assignment was submitted for recordation as set forth in § 3.11 before issuance of the patent, and must include a request for a certificate of correction under § 1.323 of this chapter (accompanied by the fee set forth in § 1.20(a) and the processing fee set forth in § 1.17(i) of this chapter [emphasis added]. See also MPEP 1481.01.

¹ See MPEP 1309, subsection II and Official Gazette of June 22, 2004

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office assignment records disclose that an assignment from the named inventors to Melia Technologies, Ltd. was recorded on July 24, 2001. Accordingly, a certificate of correction is indeed a proper course of action. However, the instant request lacks the required processing fee of \$130.00. Thus, the instant request is subject to dismissal at the current time.

Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within TWO (2) MONTHS from mail date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted. The reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b)." This is not a final agency decision.

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